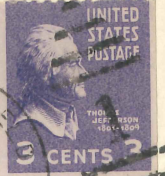


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Mya Folks. -

Another week, - another Sunday, - and of course - another letter! - Just an old routine if you don't tire of it. In fact I could put another "another" in and say "more rain" and be perfectly in the right! - Don't know why so much rain in this dry country - and especially on Sundays. - Of course, I could say as the rest of them are saying, it's part of the Hurricane playing off the Texas Gulf Coast - But that's where I'll use my meteorology and say it isn't. - If it were, - the wind would ~~be~~ be blowing from the North Southeast instead of the Northeast - but I'll go no further - I'll get mixed up and you probably won't understand it anyway! - Let's just say it's due partially to the passage of a cold front and indirectly due to the turbulence set up by the hurricane area -! - How do I always get started on these damn tangents? - I started out to say, "here Sam, writing to you again," and I am, but what? Let's start again?

Here we go with new ink to boot. - Boy, oh boy - has this week been a tough one on flying! - Last week-end my instructor went



one a cross country trip and got held at the other end on account of weather. - He didn't get back till Wednesday and I haven't seen him to speak to yet. - On Monday they gave all of his students their 20 hr. check - (nearly a routine) They gave it to us in his absence because we weren't scheduled for other flying. Anyhow - what was to be a routine check proved a bombshell - All of us made very bad mistakes, but ~~at~~ each one made the same ones. That helped us individually cause it showed it couldn't be us - it ~~must~~ be the way we were taught. - So Tuesday we received another check and Wednesday a new instructor. - We all have different instructors now, we were split up ~~for~~ a group (4 of us) Since Wednesday we've been learning to fly all over again in these ships - and it's about as tough to re-learn as to learn the first time! - I don't know whether I'm to receive another check now or not, ~~soon~~. - If so - I think I can handle it under my new instructor's teachings. He's a ~~honey~~. He's a former civilian flier and must have taught it too, from his mannerisms. - he's really good. - My old instructor - well - just what happened to him I don't know for sure - but I have ideas. - He always sorta gave you a feeling he was half afraid of his plane or us one -- He probably won't teach anymore.

Our flying is getting more & more diversified now. - Besides instruments they started formation flying the other day. - I'll probably start tomorrow or Tuesday. On Wed. & Fri. nights of this week we start our first night flying - with flying



scheduled for every night of the next one! They say that's the stuff! - Well, - I've been waiting to get up at night ever since "Kim" promised me long time ago. Boy - a lot has happened since then! - We are also to start our cross-country flying in about a week. - We get that both during daylight and night after we become proficient at night flying - some stuff!

Say Pop - what do you suppose is haunting me now? - Dots & dashes! - Don't you suppose there's some way of breaking the chain between "code" and "Loops"? - First you, then Brother, and now - if I ever get the stuff, me! - We have to be able to read 8 words/minute before we leave here and 15 by the time we finish Advanced. Right now I think I'll be doing good to get 8 letters a minute, not to mention words. - Tell me the secret - how do you get that stuff? Guess it won't be so bad if you can just ~~recognize~~ ~~recognize~~ the sounds for what they are instead of taking time out to try to associate them with the ~~individual~~ individual letters. Just practice & lots of it - I know! We started last Monday and had an exam Fri. - They gave us just letters in groups of five each and at speeds of 3, 4, & 6 words per minute. - I think I passed the 4, but I won't take any bets on it! They can give us code by hand keys or - as most often, by use of these ~~to~~ tapes - some system, some stuff, - something if ever I get the



Oh, yes - we had the publicity picture made today. - It'll be sent to the Wash. Post but doubt if they will publish it.

hang of it!

One of the fellows from Chickasha got a letter from his instructor there, that the instructor I had ~~then~~ ~~was~~ had ~~been~~ taken in by the Army and sent to a Basic school for flight training. He and three others were chosen. They get to go through the same training as we do, only when they finish, - they will be made instructors at the Basic & Advanced schools - Wouldn't it be something if he were to turn up here as an underclassman?

So - what's this I hear about Mama & Pop going galavanting this week to the Mountains of Virginia? - Sata stepping high aren't you, taking trips? But that's all right - you didn't get your usual one in August did you. - Although from what I was ~~to~~ led to believe - you could have taken a boat trip the week Pop was off!

And Ma & Sister playing with lizards! - What's come over the household since I left. I didn't think anyone would go completely nuts. Maybe it's the black-outs that's done it! -

Well - I'll stop now - am about run out of talk and the more I write, the worse ~~it~~ the penmanship gets, if such a thing be possible. Bye for now - and be good. -

Love,  
Frank

P.S. - Later -

Was wrong - the Hurricane is just about here! and it's blowing up a storm. if you'll pardon the phras. They are held for emergency - don't know right way to hold the planes on the ground or ~~them~~. - Just hold em & hope!



I almost forgot - my driving license expires  
Sept. 5th - It is permit # 262955. - If the  
necessary stuff hasn't come by mail for its  
renewal - have Fred get it and renew it for  
me if possible. - Besides needing it when I get  
home - I might need it to drive a car elsewhere  
from time to time if occasion should arise! - If he  
has to, - send me the renewal form to fill out  
or let him sign my name - they won't know  
the difference.